

MEMPHIS APPEAL

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SENSIBLE TALK.

The Washington *Chronicle* takes a malicious delight in tantalizing the southern people. It seems interested in their prosperity, and gives much good advice as to the promotion of their material interests; then again it grossly misrepresents them. In commenting on an article in the *APPEAL* a few days since, the *Chronicle* says: "It always affords us pleasure to agree with our southern contemporaries, and especially with those journals which are laboring to promote the material interests of that section. The Memphis *APPEAL* noticing an article which appeared in the *Chronicle*, in reference to 'small farms,' contains an article full of sound truth, and the south cannot too soon realize it, and put it into practice." And then, in another article in the same issue, it gives good advice to both whites and blacks. After republishing several extracts from the *APPEAL*, the *Chronicle* says: "If the southern press were filled with such teachings as the above, and less devoted to such political doctrines as States rights, how much wiser would it prove itself, and how greatly it would benefit its section. Whenever the great landowners of the south shall manifest an honest disposition to throw open their lands to settlement, encourage immigration, and welcome with open arms all who may be disposed to settle among them, a changed state of affairs will occur, and the south will, in a few years, regain in population and wealth all that she lost during the war. We have said this before, but it will bear repeating. The true wealth of the country lies in its lands, and the more they are cultivated, and their value enhanced, the richer will be the whole country. In no better way can this development take place, or be made more effective, than by creating a class of small farmers, who, owning the lands upon which they reside, will not only labor to bring them into the highest state of cultivation and productiveness, but become permanent, intelligent and useful citizens. In the south, especially, it is desirable that the colored race, which has heretofore constituted the laboring agricultural class, should be thus permanently located. The man, white or black, who owns a home, we care not how small it may be in extent, becomes a fixture to the soil; every hour of labor he devotes to it, not only increases its value, but tends to add to his attachment to it, and he is, in this way, elevated in the social and political scale. In order to make most men respectable, you must make them realize that they possess something, and that something must be guarded, improved and protected. We venture the assertion that if every man in the south, no matter what his complexion, owned his own cabin and garden-patch, we should hear fewer complaints of petty larceny, and it would not be so difficult as it now is to raise stock and poultry in the south. The true solution of the difficulties under which the south is now laboring, in regard to the labor question, lies in encouraging every laboring man to acquire a home of his own, and by this means giving him a 'local habitation and name.' Homes and work for all, white or black, should be the policy of the south, and we are glad to hail and encourage every expression in the southern press favorable to that policy."

CONTINENTAL MONEY.

Whatever may be said of our currency, it cannot be denied that it contrasts most favorably with that which we had after our revolutionary war. There are many people who remember, and have used for currency, the old continental notes. Their mechanical execution was of the rudest kind, and the paper on which they were printed hardly up to the cheaper kinds used for weekly country journals. At one time, in the history of the revolutionary war, they had an enforced valuation, which never stood, however, very high in the stock rate of percentages. A few years after the war, their depreciation was so great that congress was obliged to pay out \$40 in notes for \$1 in specie. It kept on decreasing in value until it reached \$60 for \$1, and finally \$1000 for \$1. The last holders were more fortunate than the first or intermediate ones, for in 1788 the national debt was funded, and these notes rose to near par, which enabled many persons to realize fortunes on them. The whole amount issued during the war was \$400,000,000, but the collections made by the government in various ways cancelled about one-half the debt, so that the maximum of valuation at no time exceeded \$200,000,000. The dates of several of the issues were as follows: In June, 1775, the first emission was made of \$2,000,000. Before the close of that year, \$3,000,000 were issued. In May, 1776, \$5,000,000 were issued; in the autumn of the same year, \$5,000,000, and in December, \$5,000,000 additional. In the meantime the power of taxation was virtually denied to the Confederation. They could only recommend the measures to the States. A debt of less than four hundred millions bankrupted the national treasury, and left the government without credit and with extremely limited resources. Now the same government owes a debt of near two thousand millions.

GENERAL GORDON ON CARPENTERAGE.

The New York *Herald*, in commenting on the speech of General Gordon at Holly Springs, a few weeks since, says: "At a Democratic meeting at Holly Springs, in Mississippi, on Monday, Senator Gordon, of Georgia, it is reported, urged the negroes to join the Democrats and help them to 'drive out the carpetbaggers.' He meant, we suppose, to expel them from power in the State; and we refer to his remarks only to say that he blunders in his denunciation of 'carpetbaggers,' which is a term applied in Mississippi to all northern men. The present State government of Mississippi is corrupt and inefficient to the utmost degree, and all good citizens should be brought together for its overthrow at the polls. But the State contains a large number of northern men, 'carpetbaggers,' so-called, who are men of substance, honest and honorable in all the relations of life. It is rank folly in the Democrats to repeat these from their party by such foolish denunciations as this of Senator Gordon." In these comments the *Herald* does General Gordon gross injustice. Neither General Gordon nor the people of Mississippi entertain any hostility toward any man on account of his birth. General Quitman was a northern man, and he was beloved and honored by the people of Mississippi. Ex-Governor Charles Clarke was born in a northern State, and he is one of the cherished

idiots of Mississippi. Some of the best men in our older State are from the north, and they have the esteem and respect of all. But the people of Mississippi and the whole south are hostile to the native scalawag and the carpetbagger, who conspire with the negroes to place thieves in office to rob and plunder the tax-payers. This is the class of people to whom General Gordon alludes; a class that the *Herald* has denounced for years. They are the cause of all the trouble that besets the south."

General J. A. Early said in a recent letter:

"We are often charged with being in a chronic state of rebellion, because we have not received with open arms and admitted to our firesides, the adventurers commonly called carpetbaggers, who came among us while our legitimate State governments were superseded by military satrapies, in order that they might plunder us by straining against the whole of the negro race, upon whose ignorance and passions they have so operated as to succeed, with the aid of a few renegade white men, in establishing, in some of the States of the south, governments which are a disgrace to the whole country and to civilization. These people, the carpetbaggers and scalawags, have done for many mischief than bands of incendiaries, robbers, and burglars could possibly have done, and yet they have been sustained by the whole power of the Federal government, civil and military. As well ask the citizen of Boston to receive into his family the incendiary or burglar who prowls around his house at night, as require of us that we shall extend the right hand of fellowship to our plunders."

THE OUTRAGE-MILL WON'T GRIND.

The outrage-mill has ceased to grind since the retirement of Landauert Williams from Grant's cabinet. The crank is lost, the hopper is empty, the cogs are broken, and the wheels are rusty. Poor, contemptible Ames has made an effort to repair and run the machine, but has been forced to abandon the job. Even the Radical papers are sneering at him. "The St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* says: 'It is very unfortunate for Governor Ames that his telegram explaining the necessity for Federal interference was not published as soon as it was received, its tardy appearance reviving and justifying all the cruel things that have been said about it. It was cruel in the public to enjoy the Pres't's significant remark that 'the whole people are tired of these annual autumnal outbreaks at the south,' without knowing that Ames had directly invited it by saying: 'The violence is incident to the political contest preceding the pending election,' though perhaps the reception of the telegram itself would have been a greater cruelty than any comment on it could be. A governor of a State who puts himself on the defense before he is accused, and who expresses himself perfectly willing to shoulder the responsibility for the President's actions when he is not able to stand the responsibility for his own actions, is not exactly a grand or admirable figure. The closing declaration of Ames is an powerless effort to protect them, may not be a good reason for Grant's stepping in, but to a good many people it will read like a good reason for Ames' stepping out."

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